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To: Examiner R. Covington

Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/089,961

Our Docket No.: 2653 USOP (127)

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Dear Examiner:

Thank you very much for the Notice of Allowance recently received for the above-identified U.S. patent application.

However, Applicants believe the Notice is defective, as it incorrectly addresses the pending claims. In particular, claims 7 and 10 which are pending were not listed as allowed. Moreover, claims 19-34 have not yet been cancelled from the Application. It is possible that they could be cancelled by Examiner's Amendment, but the Examiner has not yet requested our approval to do so. In addition claim 11 was cancelled, but not pursuant to the Restriction Requirement.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact them to let them know how these errors should be rectified, should action be required on the part of Applicants.

Sincerely,

Elaine M Ramesh